



March 28, 2008

Mr. Richard Wright, Chairman
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Poseidon Resources Corporation, Carlsbad Desalination Project
Flow, Entrainment, and Impingement Minimization Plan
Order No. R9-2006-0065, NPDES No. CA0109223
April 9, 2008 Hearing - Agenda Item 7

Dear Chairman Wright:

Over the years, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce has been a strong advocate for infrastructure investment that is cost-effective, environmentally sound and maintains and enhances the quality of life for all San Diegans. The Carlsbad Desalination Project fits this category. It successfully addresses the development of our own local supply and presents an environmentally-responsible way to diversify our region's water portfolio. The Chamber strongly supports the project and has testified accordingly before various agencies, including twice before your board.

In the Chamber's opinion, Poseidon Resources has designed an environmentally-superior project that will have minimal impact to marine life found in the lagoon and surrounding coastal areas. In addition to their commitment to ongoing lagoon maintenance, Poseidon has also committed to a 37-acre wetlands restoration program and a comprehensive Climate Action Plan that will eliminate the plant's carbon footprint. We appreciate their extraordinary efforts to make this project both environmentally and fiscally responsible, while reducing our county's dependence on imported water.

The existence of the project's Flow, Entrainment, and Impingement Minimization Plan – a condition the Regional Board placed on the discharge permit when it was approved in 2006 – is one example of the appropriately stringent regulations that have been attached to the project. By preparing the minimization plan, Poseidon Resources has met its permit conditions and provided a roadmap that guarantees the project is built using the best available site, design, technology, *and* mitigation feasible to minimize impacts to marine life.

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce believes that the project complies with all requirements of the discharge permit. We urge you to approve the Carlsbad Desalination Project on April 9, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Scott Alevy'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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